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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 930

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5 *October 1, 2003*):

6 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)  
7 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application  
8 under oath, except that renewals from the year immediately preceding  
9 need not be under oath, stating such information as the commissioner  
10 requires, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is  
11 sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the  
12 license. (2) An applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license

13 shall, in the discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a  
14 copy of his birth certificate or other prima facie evidence of his date of  
15 birth and evidence of identity. (3) Before granting a license to any  
16 applicant who has not previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle  
17 operator's license, or who has not operated a motor vehicle during the  
18 preceding two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to  
19 demonstrate personally to him, his deputy or a motor vehicle inspector  
20 or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner  
21 directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles  
22 of the class for which he has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the  
23 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him  
24 and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles  
25 and the rules of the road, and that (A) the applicant is a citizen of the  
26 United States, (B) the applicant has been lawfully admitted for  
27 permanent residence in the United States, as defined in 8 USC 1101, as  
28 determined by the United States Immigration Service, or (C) the  
29 applicant has been granted other legal status in the United States, as  
30 determined by the United States Immigration Service. If any such  
31 applicant has held a license from a state, territory or possession of the  
32 United States where a similar examination is required, or if any such  
33 applicant is a person honorably separated from the United States  
34 armed forces who applies within two years following the separation  
35 and who, prior to the separation, held a military operator's license for  
36 motor vehicles of the same class as that for which he has applied, the  
37 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination in his  
38 discretion. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and  
39 competency of any applicant, he may issue to him a license, either  
40 unlimited or containing such limitations as the commissioner deems  
41 advisable, and specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee  
42 is eligible to operate. (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has  
43 any health problem which might affect such person's ability to operate  
44 a motor vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or  
45 license holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that,  
46 notwithstanding such problem, he is a proper person to operate a  
47 motor vehicle, and he may further require a certificate of such

48 applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority designated by  
49 him, which certificate shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the  
50 commissioner. A license, containing such limitation as the  
51 commissioner deems advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case,  
52 but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the  
53 commissioner from refusing a license, either limited or unlimited, to  
54 any person or suspending a license of a person whom he determines to  
55 be incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with  
56 budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to  
57 or renewed by a deaf or hearing impaired person shall, upon the  
58 request of such person, indicate such impairment. Such person shall  
59 submit a certificate stating such impairment, in such form as the  
60 commissioner may require and signed by a licensed health care  
61 practitioner. (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to  
62 any applicant who is the holder of a license issued by another state  
63 shall be subject to the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k."